

## Objective 7: Reduce Child Maltreatment

Maryland SHIP Vision Area 2: Healthy Social Environments  
Tools, Resources, and Promising Practices  
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### Information, Facts and Figures

#### [CDC Child Maltreatment Prevention Program Guide](#)

Provides resources to start an evidence-based child maltreatment prevention program.



#### [Child Abuse Public Awareness Programs-Media campaigns](#)

Media campaigns designed to empower people to prevent and therefore reduce the prevalence and consequences of child abuse through several steps such as learning the facts, talking about it, and acting on suspicions. It targets parents and individuals as well as youth organizations.



### Maryland Services and Hotlines

#### [The University of Maryland Children's Hospital The CHAMP Program](#)

Provides medical expertise and consultation related to child abuse and maltreatment. Resources available in every county in Maryland and includes evaluation for suspected abuse or neglect. Provides expert training to community professionals and prevention activities.



#### [Child Protective Services](#)

Government services to families to ensure the safety of children, protect them from further abuse and neglect, and decrease the risk of continuing physical, sexual or mental abuse, either in the children's own homes or through an alternative such as foster care placements.



#### [Report Child Maltreatment and Abuse](#)

Links users to resources to report child abuse and neglect.



### Promising Practices

#### [Parent Training Programs](#)

This describes programs in which parents actively acquire parenting skills through mechanisms such as homework, modeling, or practicing skills. They focus on decreasing practices associated with child maltreatment. The content components include child development knowledge and care, disciplinary communication, and promoting children's social and academic skills.



#### [Home Visiting Programs](#)

Home visiting programs offer a variety of family-focused services provided by professionals such as nurses and social workers to expectant parents and families with new babies and young children. They address issues such as maternal and child health, positive parenting practices, safe home environments, and access to services.



[Child Abuse Training for Medical Providers](#)

Training medical providers to play their role in prevention, recognition, treatment, and follow up, by recognizing indicators of maltreatment, collecting evidence, determining the appropriate treatment plan, and the reporting and referral for other agencies. Medical providers include physicians, nurses and social workers.



[SEEK](#)

The goal of the program is to strengthen families, support parents, and enhance children's health, development and safety. This comprehensive training provides healthcare workers with the tools to identify maltreatment cases more accurately.



[The Family Tree](#)

The program focuses on maltreatment by providing families with proven solutions to prevent child abuse and neglect. The programs are divided into two categories, Family Education and Community Services.



[Place Matters](#)

Place Matters is a program designed to provide permanent homes for children who have been removed from the parents and placed in either foster care or group homes.



[Youth Villages Intensive In-Home Treatment](#)

Intensive in-home treatment programs that provide help for troubled teenagers, children and families in their own homes. Two treatment programs are offered: Intercept and Multisystemic therapy (MST).



[Examining caregiver vulnerability factors as a method for identifying children in need of attention from CPS](#)

Screening for intimate partner violence as well as additional caregiver vulnerabilities when child abuse accusations are made in order to identify families/parents that may be in need of evidence-based programs like ACT as well as additional services that may address the current vulnerabilities of the parents.



Toolkits

[CDC Adolescent and Youth Violence Prevention](#)

Provides tools to prevent violence among and towards adolescents and youth.

